

COUNTY WATER DISTRICT OF BILLINGS HEIGHTS  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

August 10, 2016

The August 10, 2016 board meeting was called to order by President Wynn Pippin at 5:59 p.m. at 1540 Popelka Drive, Billings, MT.

Board Members:                   Wynn Pippin, Jim Miller, Bud Dunham,  
  Cliff Jones, Jon Muessig, and Donna Dinsmore

Also present:                   Duke Nieskens, General Manager  
  Suzie McKethen, Board Secretary

- **July Minutes for Approval**

Motion: Donna Dinsmore  
Second: Cliff Jones

Motion carried: 5-0

- **July Prepaid Bills for Approval**

Motion: Jim Miller  
Second: Bud Dunham

Motion carried: 5-0

- **July Bills for Approval**

Motion: Donna Dinsmore  
Second: Jon Muessig

Motion carried: 5-0

- **Manager's Report – Duke Nieskens**

- Update on the Degenhart properties on Alexander Road who are re-platting their properties. Originally the plan was to re-plat one (1) acre tracts. They have now found out that they have to subdivide the entire tract for future development.
- The Oxbow pump station rebuilt the jockey pump and replaced pressure control lines. The old one was 32 years old.
- Clay McCaffree has completed all the requirements probationary period early. Clay passed the Certification Exam on the first try; he has his CDL; and he has proven that he is a good employee. Duke suggested we end the probationary period; and the board was okay with it.
- Duke had some customers, Tom and Dorothy Ketchem, who have a rental property at 720 Winemiller. The water bill went up to \$126.96 for the month of July; and used 29,296 gallons. Josh did a leak check at the property with Dorothy Ketchem present. Josh took a reading off the Trimble, and another off the meter head. The two readings matched. Tom and Dorothy Ketchem then came into the office and spoke with Duke. Duke suggested we could test the meter, but Tom was too busy. Duke offered to schedule a time that would be convenient for the customer. They gave us a check for 35.00; and mentioned that their attorney said that payment would be good enough.
- On September 6, there was a water break on Claremont. The tap saddle caused the leak. In the last 14 years, Duke has only seen two tap saddles break. What usually causes the saddle to leak is from over tightening.
- The servicemen started the main extension on Bridle Path to Ranchette Road. The goal is to finish and test the line by the end of September.

- Duke is looking to get a package price from Hardin Chevrolet for the last two trucks, and Duke's vehicle. Montana Code Annotated (MCA) says that we do not have to go to bid on vehicles. Hardin Chevrolet gave us the best price last year. Looking to do 4-wheel drive ½ ton pickups, and a sedan for Duke. Bud suggested Notbohm Motors in Miles City.
- **Old Business:**
  - None
- **New Business:**
  - None

There being no further business to come before the Board, a motion to adjourn was made by Cliff Jones. Jon Muessig seconded. The motion carried 5-0. President Wynn Pippin adjourned the meeting at 6:26 p.m.

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**Suzie McKethen, Board Secretary**

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**Wynn Pippin, President**